# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

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REHABILITATION OF WORKERS
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether under the new Catering Policy, 2004, the Railways have handed over catering units to Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) ;

(b) if so, whether the IRCTC has terminated the services of workers who were working earlier with the Railways after awarding the contract ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and steps taken by the Government to safeguard the interest of those workers and to rehabilitate them ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI R. VELU )

(a) Yes, Sir. As per Catering Policy, 2004 and subsequent policy, 2005, Railways are handing over Catering units at 'A', 'B' & 'C' Category of stations to Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC). Catering Units at 'D' 'E' and 'F' category of stations are still being managed by Railways. However, the catering activity of Railways are to be hived off completely to IRCTC.

(b) & (c) No, Sir. Departmental catering units are being handed over to IRCTC alongwith staff on 'as is where is' basis and these staff will continue to serve in the IRCTC on deemed deputation with option to be exercised within three years either for absorption in IRCTC or for reversion back to the Railways. In the event of staff opting to revert to the railways they will be redeployed as per extant rules. The transfer of catering staff along with the activities is in accordance with the Union Cabinet decision.